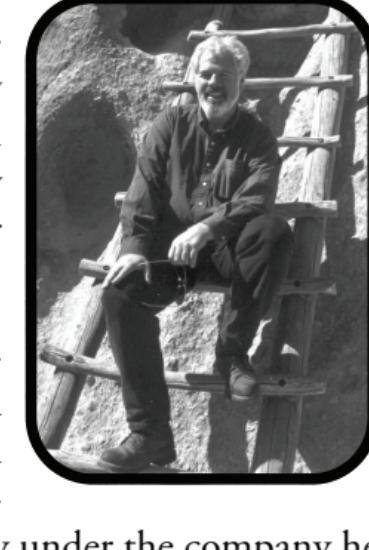


# Patrick Brennan

Patrick William Brennan, a beloved father to three and long-time resident of Northern New Mexico, passed away in Marin County California on January 15th, 2026, at the age of 79, after a long illness.

A lifelong spiritual seeker, musician, tin artist, and friend to many, Patrick worked for close to thirty years as a real estate appraiser in Rio Arriba county under the company he founded, Del Norte Appraisals.



Born in Cleveland Ohio but raised in Southern California, Patrick chose to join the Navy at the age of 17. He served as helmsman for the U.S.S. Hornet aircraft carrier, traveling to places like Japan and Australia as part of his deployment. Not long after, he met his first wife Jane Lishner, with whom he lived in Israel for a year and a half before converting to Judaism. After he and Jane parted ways, he moved north to the Bay Area, where he became interested in counterculture and the Human Potential Movement, exploring meditation and mysticism.

During this time, he trained as a professional astrologer and Tarot card reader. It was also in the Bay Area that he met his second wife and self-professed “the love of his life” Victoria Bloom, with whom he had three children, Summer, Lea, and Zachary.

During his years in the Bay Area, he worked as a boat captain, and briefly as Vice President of the computer company Sunflex in the early days of Silicon Valley. He was a lover of nature and a doting father, with a sometimes irreverent sense of humor. He always loved making conversation with people, from restaurant servers to business associates and everyone in between.

It was his third wife, Margo McNally, who encouraged their move to Northern New Mexico in 1992, where Patrick learned the art of traditional tinwork, creating beautiful mirrors and ornamental pieces, some of which were installed in lavish Santa Fe homes.

Over the years, his other hobbies included cultivating Bonsai trees, keeping tropical fish, and a love of reading fantasy, science fiction, and thriller novels. He was in the process of writing a memoir about his time in Israel called *The Grapefruit Harvest*, which will be completed and published posthumously by his daughter, Summer.

His motto was that he “liked life, no matter how difficult” and did everything he could, with the help of his children, to live as long as possible.

He is survived by his two daughters Summer Brennan Trujillo and Lea Ritter, his son Zachary Brennan, his granddaughters June and Sienna Ritter, his sister Melody Fahey, his son-in-law Michael Trujillo, his former wife and friend Victoria Bloom, and lifelong close friend Caryn Medansky.

He was lovingly laid to rest at Fernwood Cemetery in Mill Valley, California on Friday, January 30th. He had the privilege of knowing him.